

AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CHILD ASKS IF SHE IS REALLY PRETTY

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Topeka, Kan., July 16.—It is very interesting to visit Topeka, because here you may see the prettiest little girl in America.

I say the "prettiest," because many American artists, many photographers and the cultured Artist League of Boston says Theresa Marie Blitz has the most perfect features and figure to be found anywhere.

She was also the winner in a contest with 2,000 other child beauties, and as a prize she is going to have a tour of the country with her father and a free trip to Paris.

I called at Theresa's home, saw her and talked to her. In truth, she is VERY beautiful.

She has soft, wavy, dark brown hair, and big, wistful, blue eyes. Her lips are rosy and delicately molded. Her features have the rare symmetry seldom found except in Greek statues. Her skin is fair, with a trace of pink showing through. Her ears are pink shells, her neck is like a fine bit of carved ivory and her little shoulders are lovely beyond the camera's power to show.

Hands, feet and all are just as beautiful. The lines are incomparably graceful and the measurements, artists say, set the standard for sculptors.

A tape drawn around her arm at the armpits registers nine inches. Her wrist is $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches around, her thigh is 16 inches, calf 10 inches, ankle 7 inches. She weighs 55 pounds. She will be seven years old next November.

Theresa is as bright and good as she is pretty. She started to school last year and made rapid progress. Her father, I. M. Blitz, a local merchant, says his greatest ambition is to give her a finished education.



Theresa Marie Blitz.
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The little girl's mother died when she was eight months old and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Erickson, has cared for her since.

"People say I'm pretty," said Theresa when the writer called to see her. "I wonder if I am. What do YOU think?"

Grandmother's warning finger enjoined silence. And she whispered: "Please don't tell her! She'll find it out soon enough, goodness knows."

"Of course, I'm proud that she's so beautiful—but it's so much more important for her to be just a good, sweet, little girl."